

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Donald Phillips and Laverla Donley exchanged their wedding vows on December 30, 1953, at the Presbyterian Church in Ellendale, North Dakota, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, In 1960, Donald and Laverla moved to Colman, South Dakota, to purchase a veterinary practice with Donald traveling the countryside caring for animals, and Laverla working at the clinic and handling the bookkeeping duties, as well as the responsibilities of a full-time mother; and,

Whereas, Donald and Laverla gave life and love to three daughters: Diane, Linda, and Lisa, who in turn have added six grandchildren to the family tree; and,

Whereas, In 1976, Donald and Laverla developed, owned, and managed a low-income government finance housing project for 26 years, which included the Southern Heights apartments in Colman and Colwen apartments in Wentworth; and,

Whereas, Donald became an avid runner, participating in regional, state, and national games and was elected to the South Dakota Senior Hall of Fame in 2001, and over the years, Laverla enjoyed working with ceramics and golfing, winning awards for both; and,

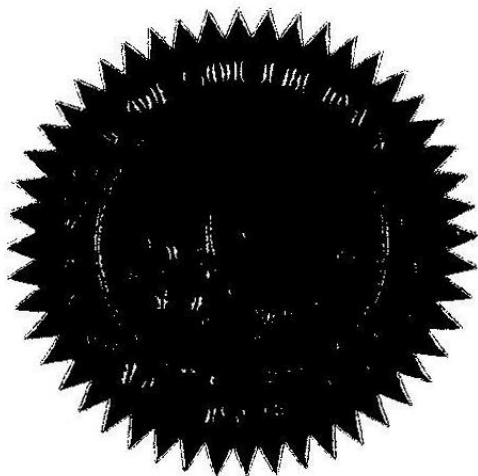
Whereas, In October 2001, the Phillips retired from veterinary practice and moved to Sioux Falls where they stay busy with activities involving friends, neighbors, church and grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Donald and Laverla will celebrate their 50th Anniversary and it is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognizes and commemorates the memorable milestones in the lives of the state's outstanding citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 30, 2003, as

DONALD & LAVERLA PHILLIPS DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State